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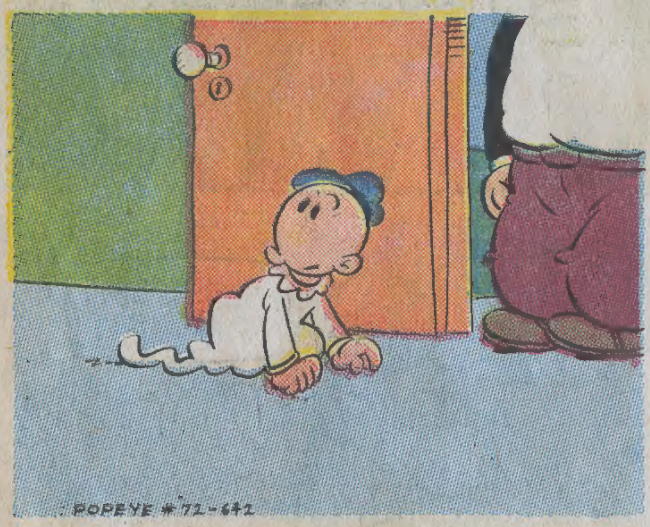
THAT'S WHERE I'VE BEEN MAKING MY BIG MISTAKE-- I SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIGHTING SPINACH!



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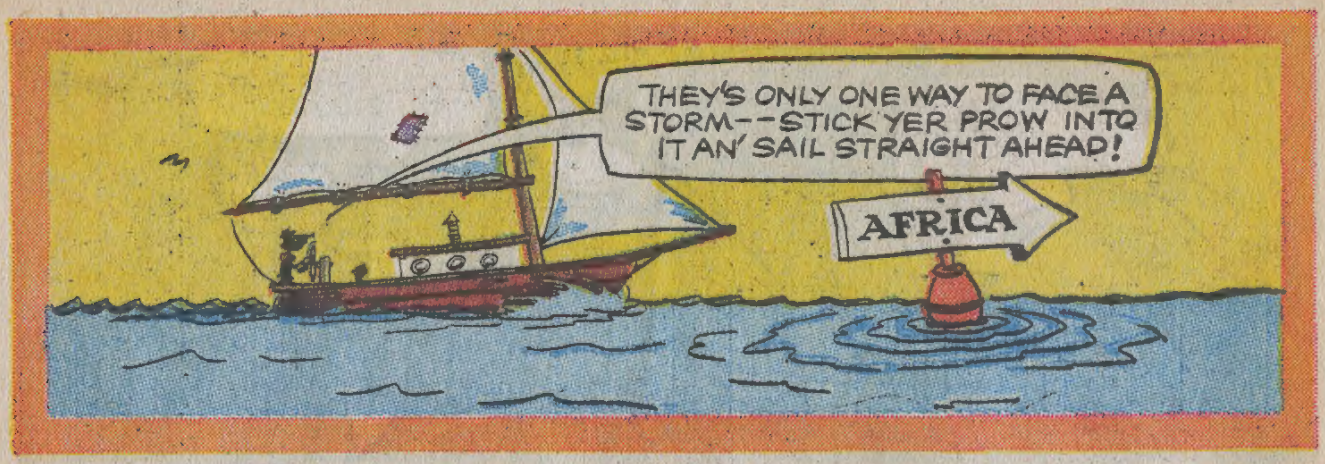
WHAT KIN I DO FER YA, MISTER ANTHRO?
I'VE COME FOR YOUR HELP!
THE GORILLAS OF AFRICA ARE BEING MISUSED BY AN OLD HAG! THEY ARE BEING REGIMENTED AND THEIR STRENGTH IS BEING EXPLOITED!!
(GULP!!) HE SAID "HAG," POPEYE!
BLOW ME DOWN?
?
IS YA TALKIN' ABOUT ME OL' ENEMY, THE ARFUL SEA HAG?
OH, YOU KNOW THE OLD WITCH? SHE'S ORGANIZING THE GORILLAS INTO AN ARMY TO FIGHT A WAR AGAINST SOME POOR SAILOR!
(GULP!) I YAM THE POOR SAILOR!!
?
I GUESS YOU CAN'T HELP US THEN... YOU'LL WANT TO RUN AND HIDE SOME PLACE!
HIDE?
PHOOEY!!
I NEVER HIDES FROM TROUBLE!
!
COME ON, SWEE'PEA.
WE IS GOIN' TO AFRICA!


THEY'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FACE A STORM--STICK YER PROW INTO IT AN' SAIL STRAIGHT AHEAD!
AFRICA

WHILE POPEYE SAILS BRAVELY AHEAD INTO TROUBLE, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT THE OLD HAG IS UP TO--
I'VE BROUGHT ANOTHER GORILLA!
SPLENDID!
THAT MAKES SEVEN HUNDRED!

PREPARE HIM FOR HIS MILITARY TRAINING!

?
OKAY, BUSTER... STAND UP STRAIGHT!

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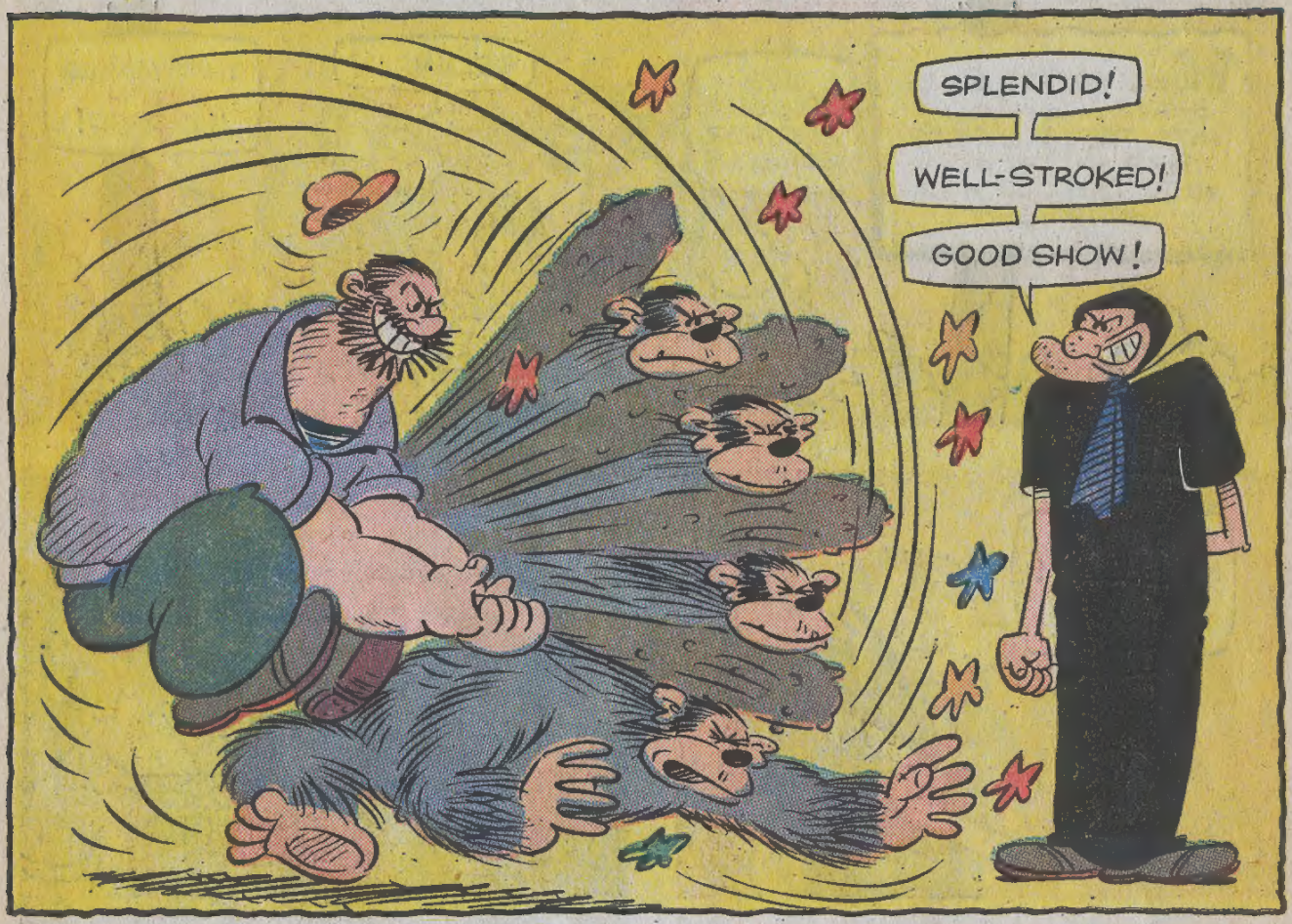
HERE YOU ARE... START HIS TRAINING!

LOOK THIS WAY, YOU BIG APE!


SPLENDID!
WELL-STROKED!
GOOD SHOW!

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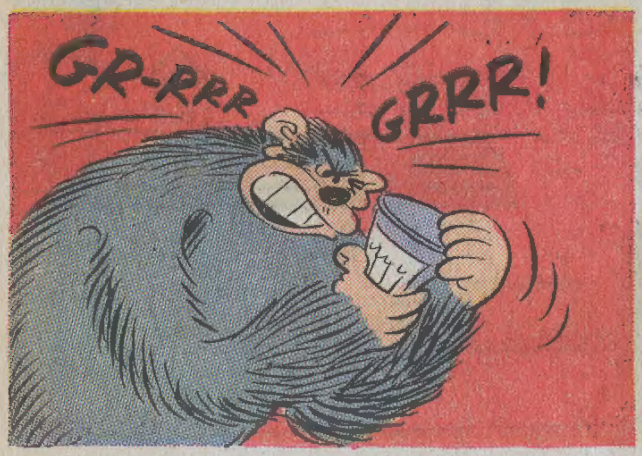
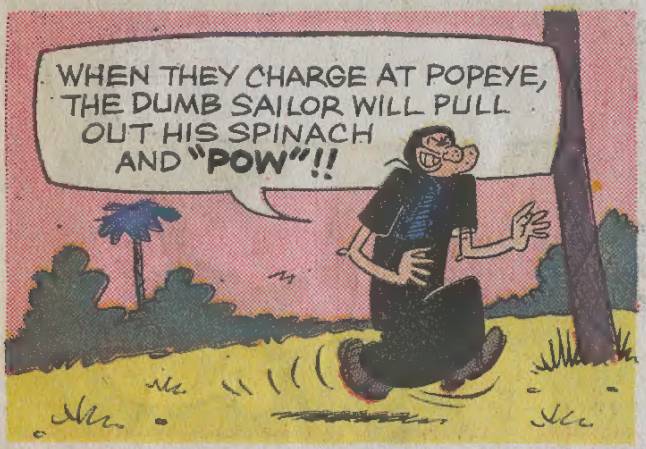
AH! HE'S READY FOR PART TWO OF HIS TRAINING!

LOOK AT IT!! THIS IS WHAT HURT YOU!!
HEH!
SPINACH


GR-RRR
GRRR!

HE'S ALL SET NOW—ISSUE HIM A UNIFORM AND PUT HIM WITH THE REST OF MY TROOPS!

MY PLAN'S BOUND TO SUCCEED!! I'VE CREATED AN ARMY OF SPINACH-HATING APES!
HEH!
HEH! HEH!


WHEN THEY CHARGE AT POPEYE, THE DUMB SAILOR WILL PULL OUT HIS SPINACH AND "POW"!!

AT THE SIGHT OF THE SPINACH MY SOLDIERS WILL BE SO MAD, THEY'LL TEAR HIM TO PIECES!

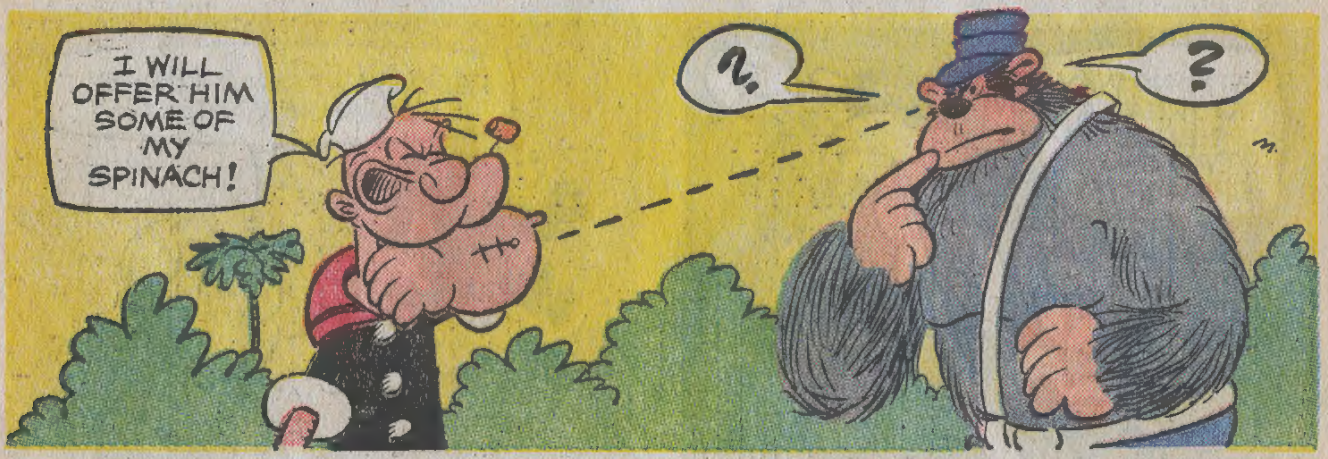
WATCH OUT FOR THIS SPINACH-LOVER!!
SPINACH

MEANWHILE-- BACK ON THE SHIP!
WE IS READY TO LAND IN AFRICA, SWEE'PEA!
I'LL TELL MR. ANTHRO!
I DON'T SEE NO ARMY OF APES—
THEY'RE ALL UP IN THE HILLS!
YOU AN' SWEE'PEA STAY HERE. I YAM GO'NER GO HAVE A TALK WIT THE HAG!
IF I POINTS OUT TO HER THAT I YAM NOT MAD, SHE MIGHT CALL ORF HER ARMY OF APES!!
I LOVES WILD AMINALS AN' I DOES NOT WANT TO HURT A WHOLE ARMY OF APES!
HOT DORG! THERE IS A MAN... PERHAPS HE CAN TELL ME WHERE THE OL' HAG IS!
GR-R!

AHOY, MISTER---I YAM A STRANGER IN THESE PARTS---KIN YA HELP ME?
I YAM LOOKIN' FOR AN' OL HAG!
GLUB?
?
?

WHA'S WRONG? DIDN'T YA UN'NERSTAN' ME?
GLUB!
GRUNK!

HM? ALL HE DOES IS GRUNT!
I BET THE POOR SWAB IS LORST AN' HUNGRY!


I WILL OFFER HIM SOME OF MY SPINACH!
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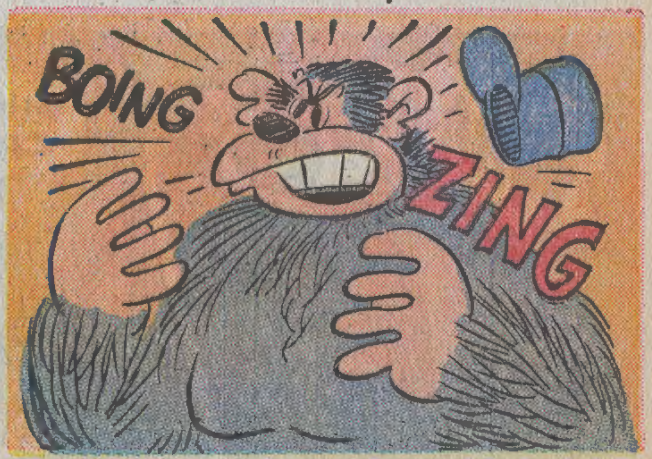
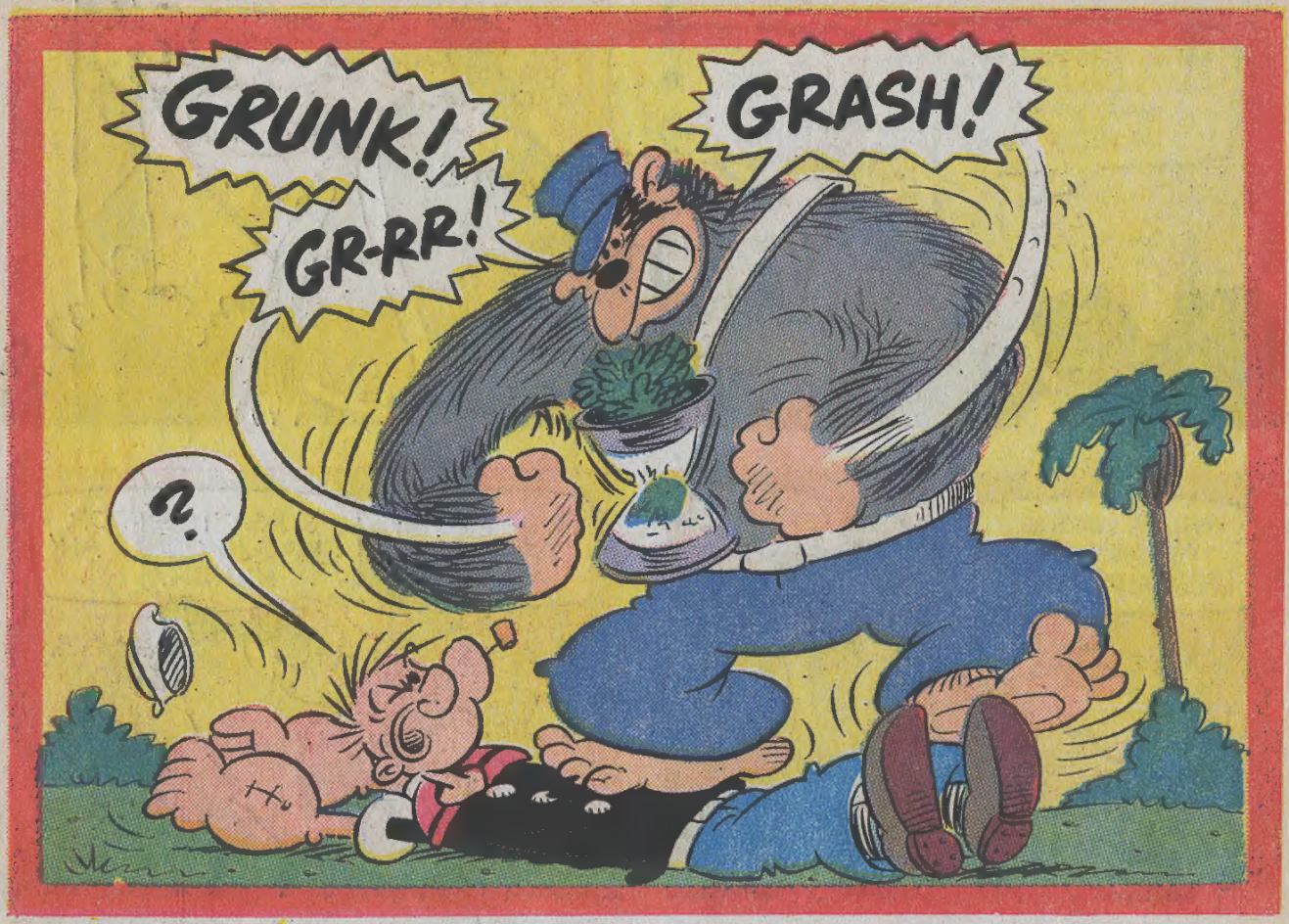
HOW ABOUT SOME SPINACH?
!
SPINACH

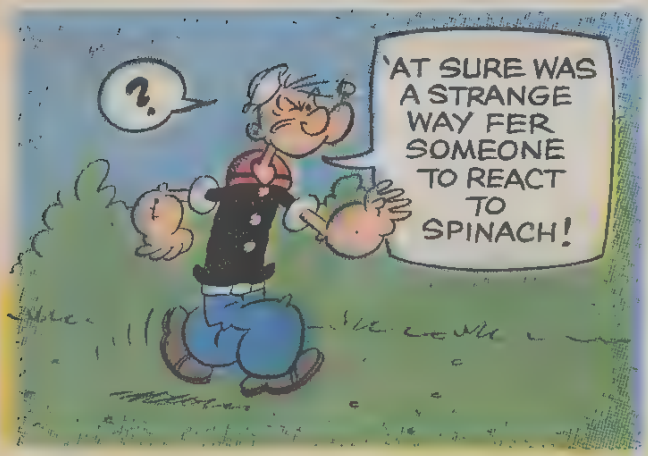

BOING
ZING


GRUNK!
GR-RR!
GRASH!
?

'AT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A FRIENDLY CAN OF SPINACH!!
?

PHOOEY! 'AT SWAB AIN'T GOT NO MANNERS AT ALL!

WAA-A!
SHUD-UP, CRYBABY!
UGH! WHAT A SOLDIER!
HE MUST HAVE RUN INTO POPEYE!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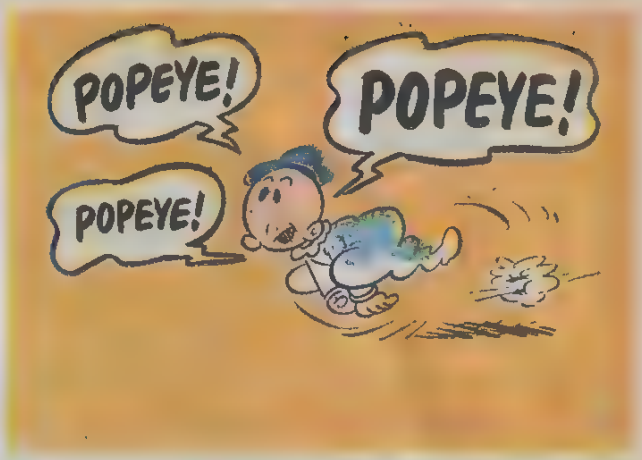
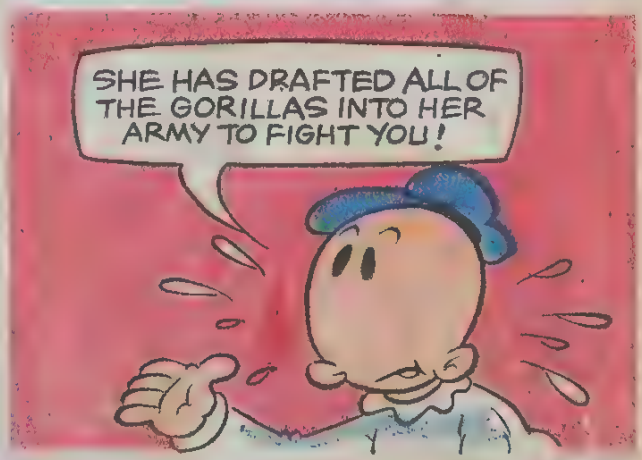
'AT SURE WAS A STRANGE WAY FER SOMEONE TO REACT TO SPINACH!


POPEYE!
POPEYE!
POPEYE!

WHAT'CHA WANT?
I HAS BEEN SPYIN' ON THE OL' SEA HAG!
PUFF!


SHE HAS DRAFTED ALL OF THE GORILLAS INTO HER ARMY TO FIGHT YOU!

SHE HAS TRAINED 'EM TO GET KILLING-MAD AT THE SIGHT OF A CAN OF SPINACH!!
!

BLOW ME DOWN!! SO THAT WAS ONE OF HER GORILLAS I JUST MET!
SHE HAS SURE DONE A SWELL JOB OF TRAINING 'EM!

WHAT IS YA GO'NER DO? YOU CAN NOT FIGHT A WHOLE ARMY OF BEASKS WIT'OUT SHOWIN' YER SPINACH!
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HM? THE OL' HAG SEZ THIS IS A WAR, SO I GUESS I WILL HAVE TO RESORT TO WAR STRATEGY!
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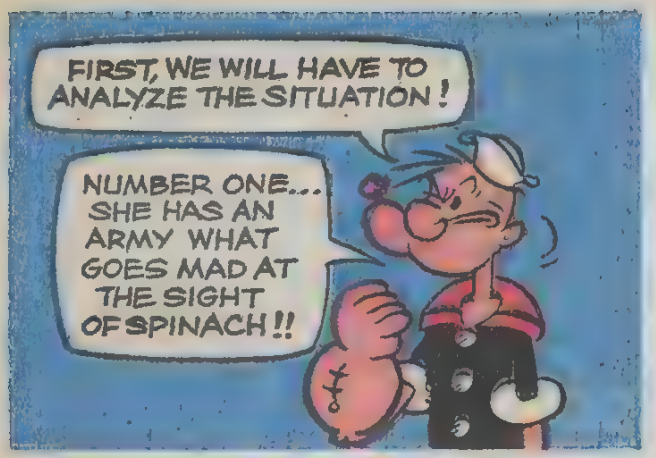
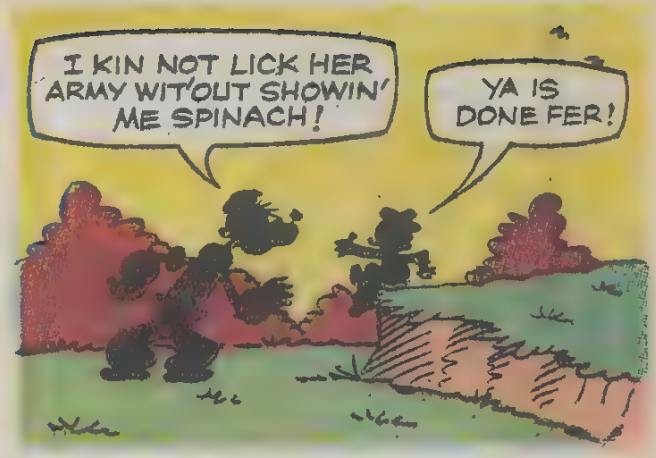
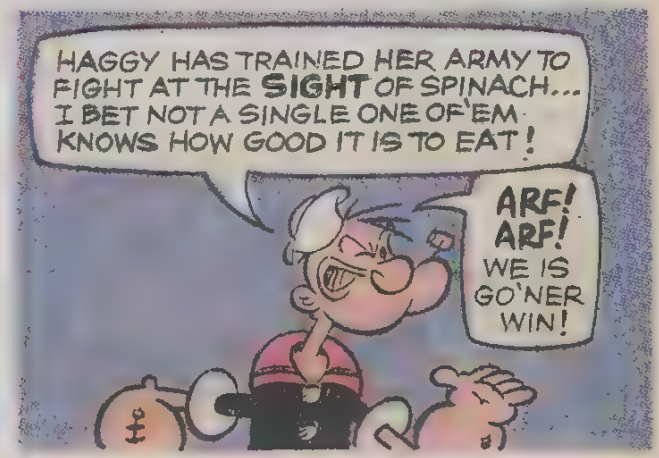
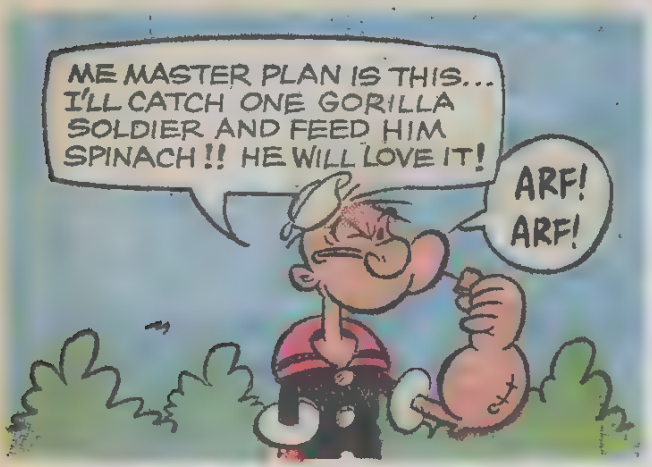
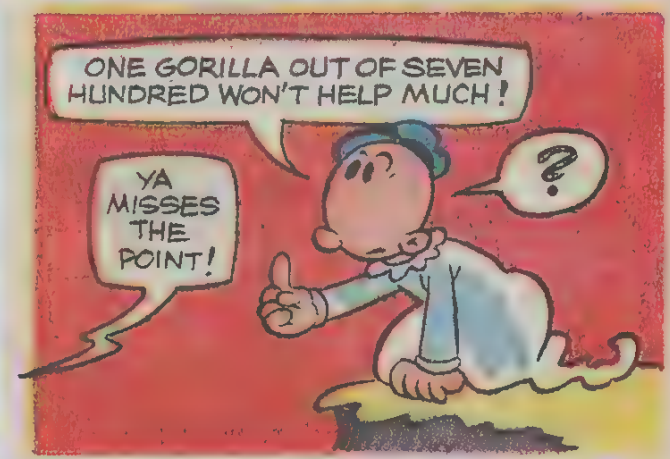

FIRST, WE WILL HAVE TO ANALYZE THE SITUATION!
NUMBER ONE... SHE HAS AN ARMY WHAT GOES MAD AT THE SIGHT OF SPINACH!!


I KIN NOT LICK HER ARMY WIT'OUT SHOWIN' ME SPINACH!
YA IS DONE FER!

YA IS WRONG!
THE OL' HAG HAS MADE ONE BIG MISTAKE!
WE AIN'T GOT TO ME STRATEGY YET!


HAGGY HAS TRAINED HER ARMY TO FIGHT AT THE SIGHT OF SPINACH... I BET NOT A SINGLE ONE OF 'EM KNOWS HOW GOOD IT IS TO EAT!
ARF! ARF! WE IS GO'NER WIN!


ME MASTER PLAN IS THIS... I'LL CATCH ONE GORILLA SOLDIER AND FEED HIM SPINACH!! HE WILL LOVE IT!
ARF! ARF!


ONE GORILLA OUT OF SEVEN HUNDRED WON'T HELP MUCH!
YA MISSES THE POINT!
?

THAT ONE SOLDIER WILL GO BACK AN' TELL THE OTHERS HOW GOOD SPINACH IS AN' THE WAR WILL BE OVER!
WOW! GREAT!

COME ON---WE HASTA GO FIND US A GORILLA!!
HOT DORG!

AH-HA!! THERE'S MY OLD ENEMY NOW... HE'S WALKING RIGHT INTO MY TRAP!!
POPEYE IS WANDERING AROUND OUT THERE---BRING ME MY TOUGHEST SOLDIER!
I WANT YOU TO TEST THE STRENGTH OF THE ENEMY FORCES!!
GR!
CHARGE!!
GR-R!!
SPINACH

YOO-HOO! IS THEY ANY GORILLAS AROUND ? ?
SPINACH
GULP!! I THINKS ONE OF THEM HEARD YOU!
THUMP! THUMP!
GRR-R!
AHOY, YA BIG APE FELLOW --- I THINKS YA HAS THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT WHAT SPINACH IS FER!
THEY IS NO REASON FER YA TO HATE IT!
IS HE LISTENING?
SPINACH
SHUSH, SWEE'PEA!! DON'T INTERRUPT WHILE I IS TALKIN' TO MY APE FRIEND!
SORRY!
CRASH!
?
CRACK!

YA CRAZY, OVERSIZED MONKEY... I YAM JUS' TRYIN' TO GIT YA TO TASTE A LITTLE OF THE SPINACH !!
SPINACH
BLOW ME DOWN!? YA KNOCKED IT INTO THE BUSHES!!
'AT WASN'T NICE!
YA SHOULDN'T ORTA BE SO BLASTID FINICKY!! DIDN'T YER MOTHER EVER TELL YA TO TRY SUMPIN' B'FORE YA DECIDES YA DOESN'T LIKE IT!!
LOOK OUT, POPEYE--
SMACK!
POW!!
BAM!
--HE'S GOING TO FIGHT SOME MORE!
I BETTER FIND THAT SPINACH IN A HURRY!!
POPEYE IS GOING TO NEED THIS MORE THAN THE APE!!
SPINACH

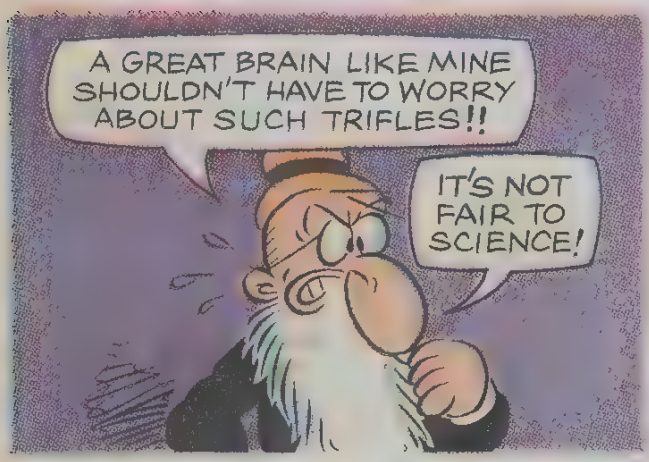
SMACK
POW!
HM? HOW YAM I GO'NER GIT IT TO HIM?
THIS SHOULD WORK!
SWISH!
GULP!
?
?
?
?
?
SMACK
?
!
WHEEee!!
HE LIKES IT!! WE HAS WON!!

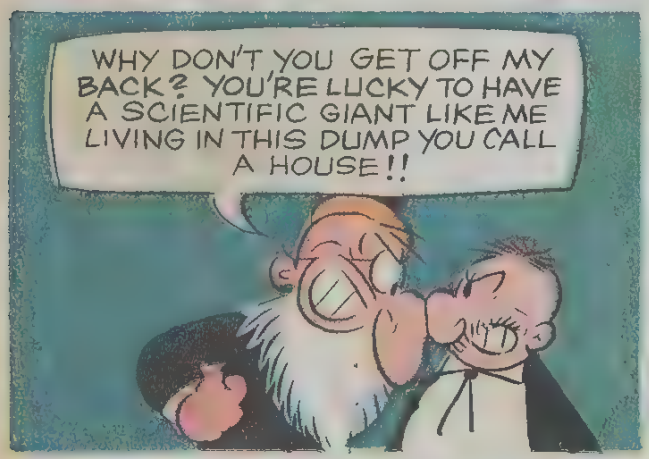
WHERE'S MY ARMY?
I DON'T KNOW! THEY ALL DISAPPEARED!
THE DARLINGS!! THEY COULDN'T WAIT FOR MY ORDERS! THEY WENT OFF ON THEIR OWN TO KILL POPEYE!!
COME ON, BRING A SHOVEL! WE MUST GIVE MY OLD PAL A DECENT BURIAL!
HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH!
THEY'RE OVER THIS WAY--I CAN HEAR THEM GRUNTING!
HEH!
DOESN'T THE WORLD SEEM FRIENDLY WITH POPEYE OUT OF THE WAY!!
HEH!
HEH!
? ! ?
THE WHOLE POINT IS, SWEE'PEA, YA SHOULD GIVE EVERYTHIN' AND EVERYONE A CHANCE BEFORE YA DECIDES YA DOESN'T LIKE IT OR THEM!
ARF! ARF! THESE GORILLAS SURE CHANGED THEIR MINDS!
NOW THEY LOVES YOU AN' SPINACH!
Elzie Segar

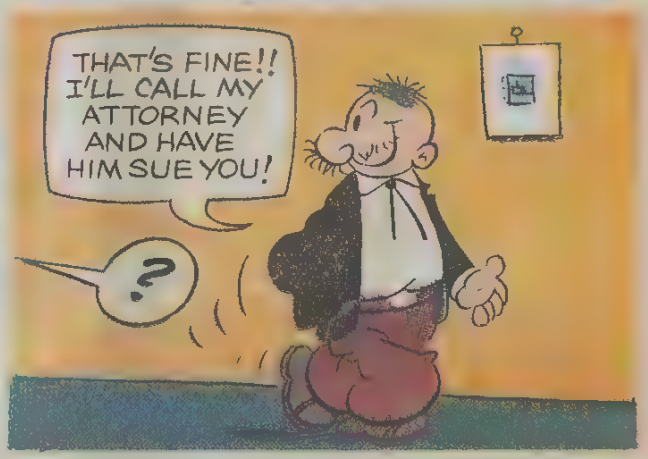
O.G. WOTASNOZZLE!

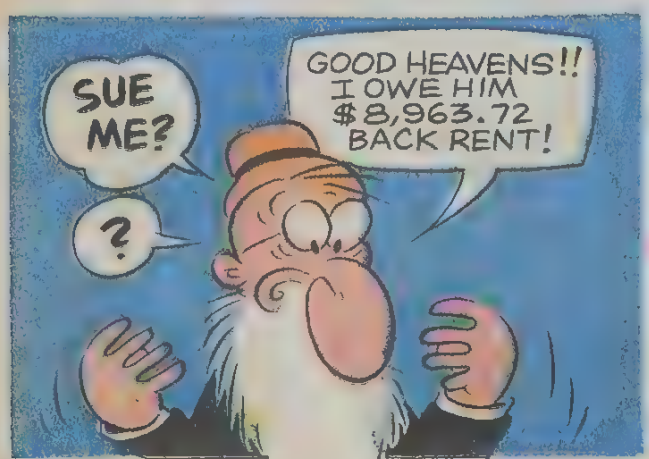
THE BIG HEAD WITH THE LITTLE ATOMIC BRAIN!

in "BLACKMAIL" or "SHUD UP!"









OLD CHUM, LET US NOT FIGHT!
WHERE'S MY MONEY?
I AM SHORT OF FUNDS UNTIL MY ROYALTIES FOR THE WOTASNOZZLE SQUARE BALL START COMING IN! I'M SURE YOU'RE WILLING TO GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME!
WAIT! NO! NO! NO!! I'M THROUGH WAITING!!
WAIT!! SUPPOSE I BUILD YOU SOMETHING?
HM? BUILD ME SOMETHING!!
ANYTHING YOU WANT!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A LARGE TELESCOPE!
IF I BUILD IT, WILL YOU GIVE ME TIME TO PAY MY RENT?
IT HAS TO BE A BIG ONE!
IT'LL BE BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO SEE ALL THE STARS THERE ARE!
WHEEee!! IT WORKED!! I KNEW IF I KEPT THE PRESSURE ON HIM I'D GET A TELESCOPE!
NOW I CAN SEE STARS!

HM? THIS TUBE WILL BE FINE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'VE SHOVED IT RIGHT THROUGH THE HOUSE!
I WANT TO WORK ON IT IN THE BASEMENT!
OH!
NOW, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHAT'S IN THE BAGS?
OH! THIS IS TO CLEAN THE TUBE!
I THINK YOU'RE NERTS! YOU'VE FILLED THE TUBE WITH THAT BLACK STUFF AND PLUGGED THE ENDS!!
HOW WILL I SEE THROUGH IT?
HOW WILL I SEE STARS WITH A THING LIKE THAT?
OH, YOU'LL SEE LOTS OF STARS!
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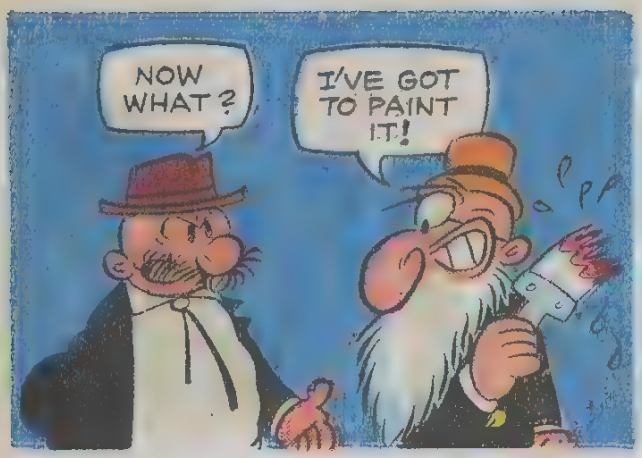
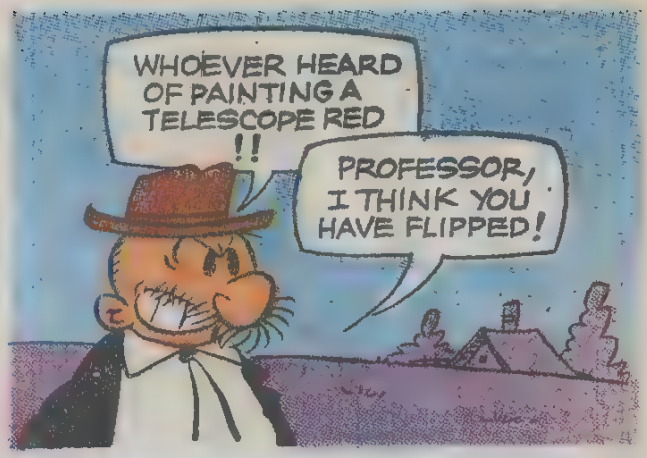
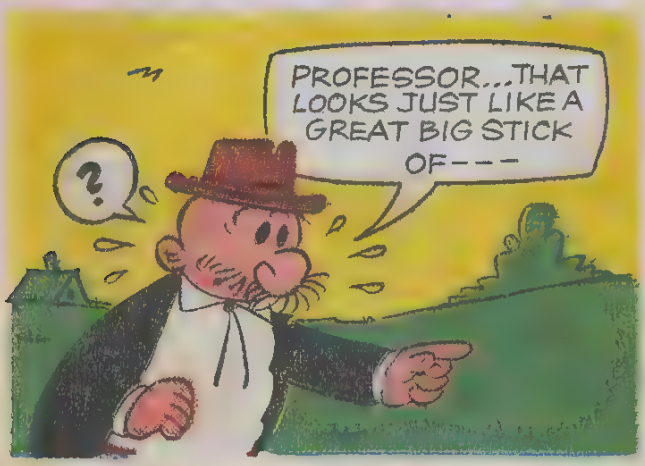
WHAT'S THE ROPE FOR?
YOU'LL SEE!


NOW WHAT?
I'VE GOT TO PAINT IT!


WHOEVER HEARD OF PAINTING A TELESCOPE RED !!
PROFESSOR, I THINK YOU HAVE FLIPPED!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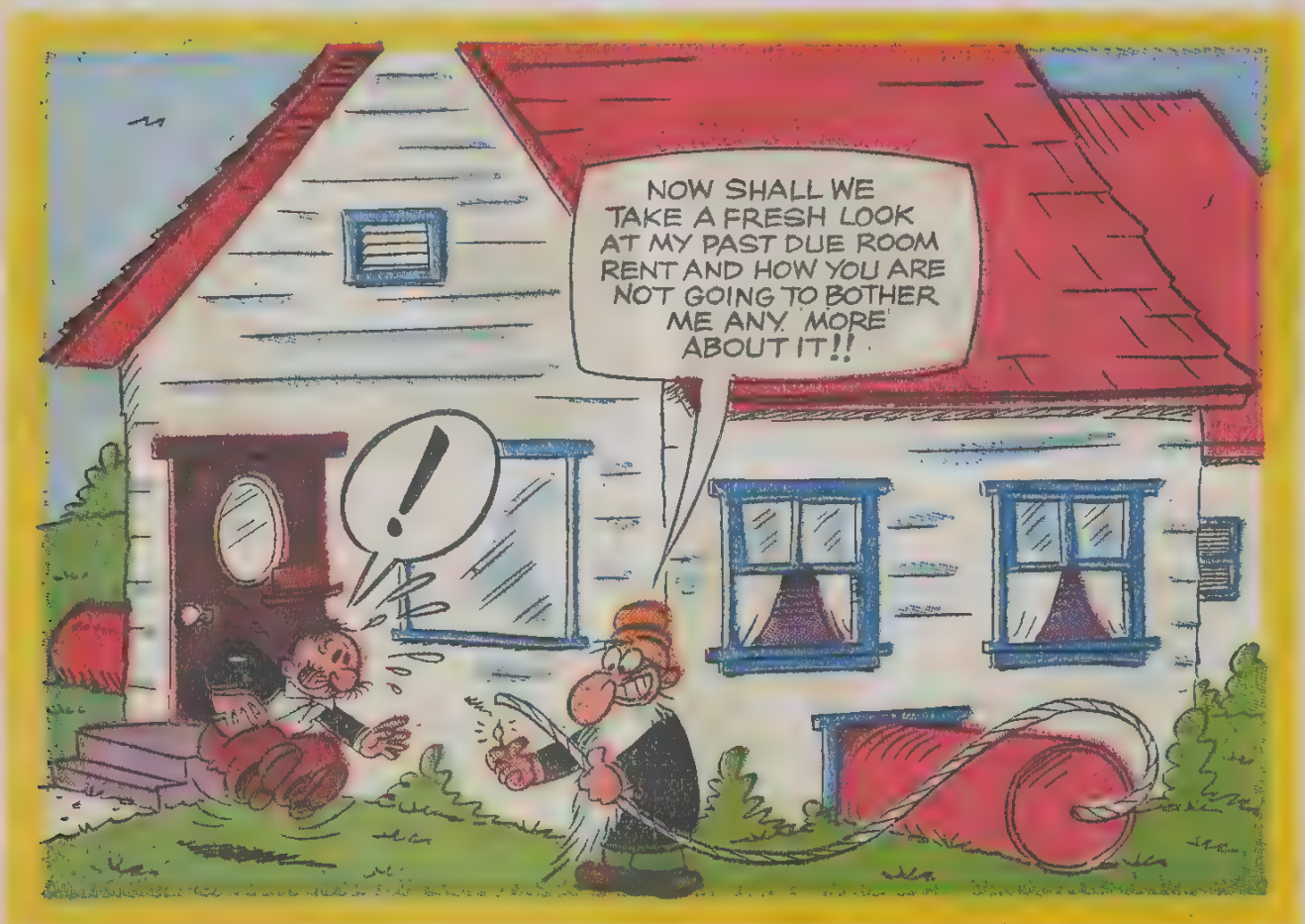
PROFESSOR...THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE A GREAT BIG STICK OF---

DYNAMITE!?!
HEH, HEH, HEH


NOW SHALL WE TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT MY PAST DUE ROOM RENT AND HOW YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BOTHER ME ANY MORE ABOUT IT!!
!

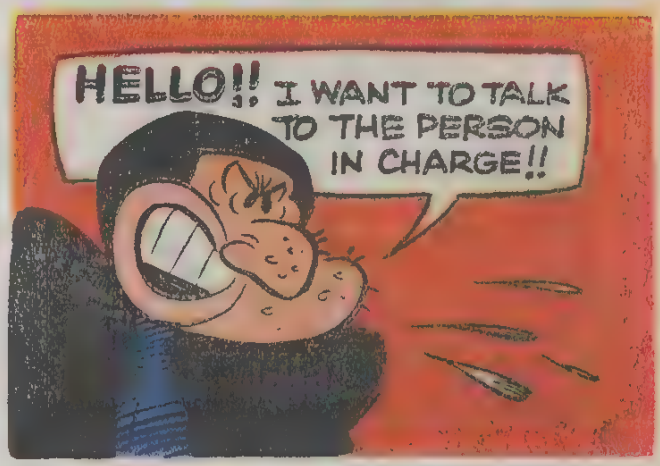
BERNARD?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
YOU'RE ACTING VERY STRANGE!
TWEET!
TWEET
TWEET
STOP TWEETING!! YOU SOUND LIKE A CANARY!
TWEET
TWEET
I'M THE LAST REAL WITCH IN THE WORLD AND IT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT FOR MY VULTURE TO TWEET!!
TWEET
TWEET
STOP IT! STOP!!
TWEET
TWEEEEEET
JUST FOR THAT YOU CAN FIX YOUR OWN LUNCH!
YIKE!?! ICE CREAM AND DILL PICKLES?
YUM! TWEET!

I'M GOING TO SEE A DOCTOR ABOUT BERNARD!
MY VULTURE IS TWEETING!
HM? I'D SAY HE WAS HAPPY!
BUT, I'M A WITCH! MY VULTURE SHOULD GROWL!!
YOU COULD CHANGE JOBS OR VULTURES!
AND HE KEEPS EATING ICE CREAM AND DILL PICKLES!
HE DOES?
?
?
?
MY DEAR MISS HAG... I WOULD SAY THAT BERNARD WAS ABOUT TO LAY AN EGG!
?
!
WHAT A CRAZY IDEA!
WITH THE NAME BERNARD, HE CAN'T LAY AN EGG!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
YIKE! BERNARD!
STOP THAT!!
TWEET TWEET TWEET! TWEET TWEET!

THIS IS TERRIBLE! I WON'T STAND FOR IT!
THE WHOLE TOWN WILL BE LAUGHING AT ME!
TWEET
TWEET
HOW CAN I SCARE PEOPLE WITH A VULTURE THAT'S A MOTHER?
AW! I BET IT'S A JOKE!
I BET BERNARD IS JUST TRYING TO UPSET ME!
HA! HA!
THAT'S IT! HE'S JUST FOOLING!!
HE ALWAYS DID HAVE A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR!
HEH!
HEH!
KA-KA-KATUCKET
?
THIS IS CARRYING A JOKE TOO FAR!!
TWEET!

COME WITH ME!

I'M NOT GOING TO BE LAUGHED AT!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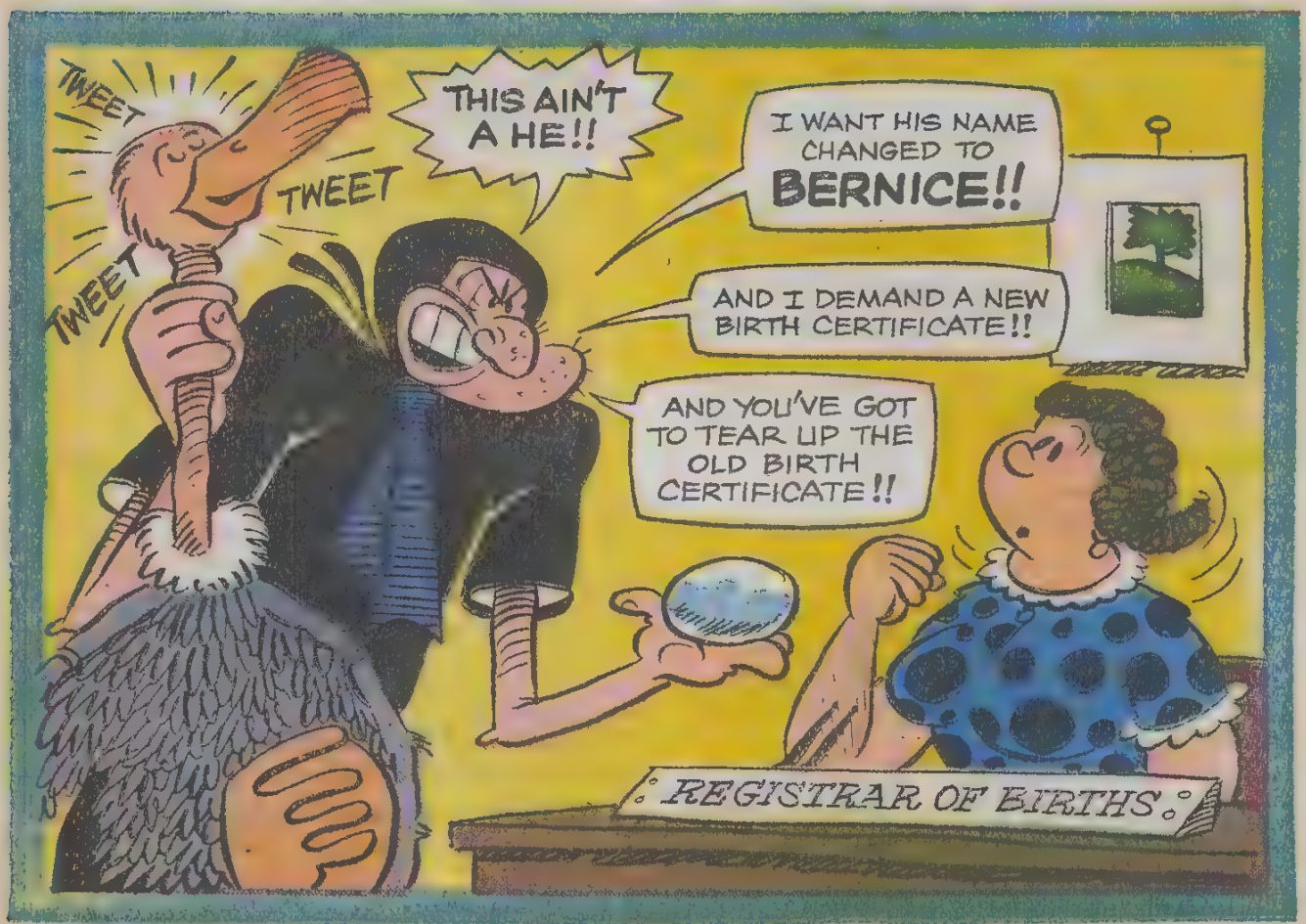
TWEET
TWEET
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THIS AIN'T A HE!!
I WANT HIS NAME CHANGED TO BERNICE!!
AND I DEMAND A NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE!!
AND YOU'VE GOT TO TEAR UP THE OLD BIRTH CERTIFICATE!!
REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS

MYTHICAL MONSTERS

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Monsters from the tales of mythology are not always giant-size. They range from small ones which can walk under stalks of grass to the huge ones that fill mountain passes.

Their evil deeds encompass every act from mere mischief to great evils, from spoiling food to destroying mankind. They came in every shape, size, color, manner and form.

Tales about them come from all parts of the world. The following are some of the legendary creatures who have been feared through the ages.

Africans bore their losses stoically if the miniature monsters called *Itowe* rotted their pumpkins and looted their gardens, or if fruits and vegetables were turned bitter to the taste. They resemble the "gremlins" aviators invented to cover all mysterious accidents in flying.

The Danes once plugged all holes in their homes in the belief that these were the entrances of dwarf-like creatures. About four feet high, these *Bjeerg*-folk entered through mouse-sized openings, by some unexplained magic.

Although friendly to men, the dwarfs hated women. Any happy family home they entered was soon unhappy because women were tormented by the pint-sized pests.

The people of warm Iran feared *Mahrkusha*, who brought cold and frost. This seems to tie in with the ancient Ice Age glaciers which moved over the land to cause suffering and death. *Yima*, a great hero, saved people and animals (somewhat like Noah) by putting them into a safe enclosure.

Inventive Greek folktales combined the human form with those of animals and birds to make up mythological monsters of all imaginable kinds. The *Harpies* had the upper parts of women but the talons and wings of birds. They were not content with driving soldiers upon rocks as did the *Sirens*, nor waiting for them to come into reach as did *Scylla*. The *Harpies* caused squalls to wreck ships, but were surpassed by an even stranger biological combination, the *Sphinx*.

With the upper part of a woman and the lower part of a lion, the *Sphinx* lay upon a rock, preying upon travellers going to and from Thebes. She, at least, gave her victims a chance by asking a riddle:

"What animal is that which in the morning goes on four feet, at noon on two feet and in the evening on three feet?"

She killed those who could not answer, until Oedipus replied: "Man, who in childhood creeps on hands and knees, in manhood walks erect, and in old age with the aid of a staff."

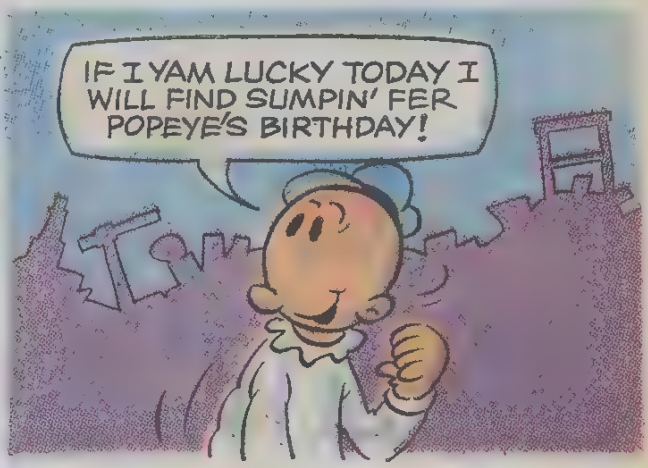
Whereupon the *Sphinx* threw herself off the rock, probably in womanlike fury, because she could not have the last word.

The largest mythical monster, *Kholumolumo*, filled a Hottentot mountain pass in Africa. He tried to destroy all those who came through and may have slain more people than all other monsters combined.

Fortunately, there were mighty heroes as well as monsters in mythology. Sooner or later, the human champions won over the monsters—or did they? The monsters still "live"—in our mythology books!

SWEE'PEA and the
"BLACK MONSKER"
CITY DUMP

I LOVES DUMPS! THEY IS FULL OF SWELL STUFF!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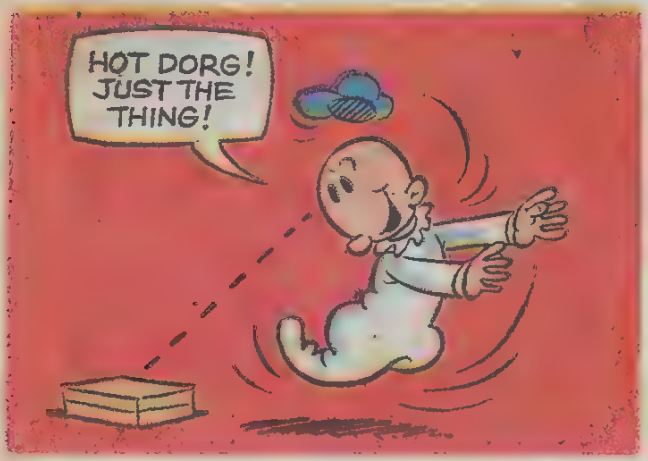
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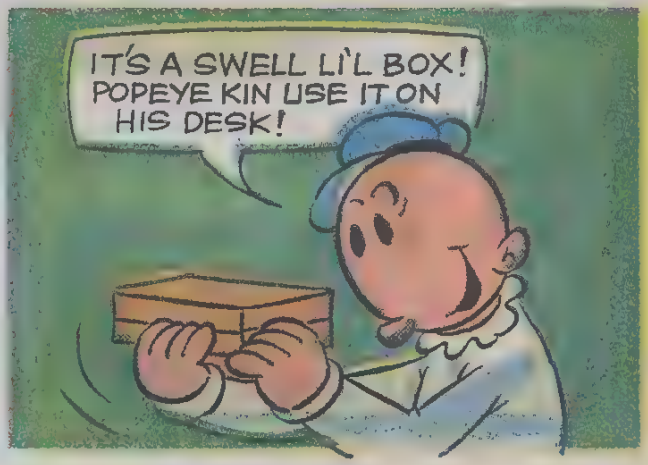
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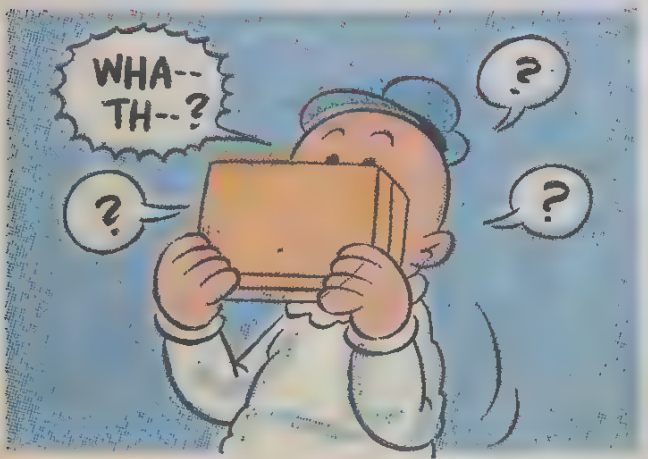
WHA-- TH--?
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THEY IS STRANGE WRITIN' ON IT!!

I CAN'T READ IT! IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
?
I'LL TAKE IT TO WIMPY! HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT WORDS AN' STUFF!
GOOD HEAVENS!?! THIS IS AMAZING!!
WHAT IS IT, WIMPY?
THIS WRITING IS ANCIENT BLASDELONI! THEY WERE A SAVAGE GROUP OF WITCHES AND DEVIL-WORSHIPERS!
?
GORSH!! WHAT DOES IT SAY??
HM? LET'S SEE... I'M THE ONLY PERSON LEFT WHO CAN READ BLASDELONIAN WRITING!
YIKE OH? GULP!
WHAT IS IT, WIMPY? WHAT IS WRONG?
IT SAYS THERE'S A MONSTER INSIDE THE BOX!! THEY CREATED A HORRIBLE MONSTER AND COULDN'T CONTROL IT SO THEY SEALED IT UP IN THIS BOX!!
GET IT OUT OF MY HOUSE!

AND DON'T OPEN IT!! BURY IT IN A HOLE!
BLOW ME DOWN!?! I HAS GOT A PROBLEM!
IT'S A NICE BOX... I DON'T WANT TO WASTE IT AND I DON'T WANT TO GIVE IT TO POPEYE IF THEY IS A MONSKER IN IT!
MAYBE WIMPY IS JUST KIDDING ME!
IF I JUST PEEKED INTO IT, NO MONSKER COULD GET OUT!
YOO-HOO!! IS THEY ANY MONSKERS IN THERE?
BOOOOO...

(GULP!) THE LID IS ALL THE WAY OPEN!
?
GULP!
IS YOU--
IS YOU--
IS YOU--
I'M YOUR MONSTER!!
PHOOEY!! I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT!

I DOESN'T WANT OR NEED A MONSKER!
YOU'RE STUCK WITH ME!
YOU OPENED THE BOX AND LET ME OUT! NOW I HAVE TO WORK FOR YOU!!
OH YEAH! WHAT KIND OF WORK DO YOU DO?
I SCARE PEOPLE AWAY SO YOU CAN HAVE PEACE AND QUIET!
I DON'T WANT YOU! GO AWAY!!
THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GET RID OF ME IS TO GIVE ME TO SOMEONE THAT WANTS ME!
IN FIVE THOUSAND YEARS NOT A SINGLE PERSON HAS WANTED ME!
COME ON... I BET ONE OF THE KIDS I PLAYS WITH WILL WANT YA!!
AHOY, GANG!!
?
?
?
I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T EASY TO GET RID OF ME!
GORSH! THEY TOOK ONE LOOK AT YOU AND RAN AWAY!
?

IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME WAY-- NOBODY LOVES ME!
STOP SNIFFLING!
COME ON... LET'S GO HOME!
POPEYE, I HAS A PROBLEM!
ARF! ARF! LI'L BOY KIDS ALWAYS HAVE PROBLEMS!
I HAS A MONSKER IN ME ROOM!
'AT'S NO WAY TO TALK ABOUT PAPPY!
I WILL TELL HIM TO TAKE HIS NAPS SOMEWHERE ELSE!
BUT---
? ! ! ?
THIS IS GOIN' TOO BLASTID FAR!! I HAS TOLD YA A MILLING TIMES TO STOP BRINGIN' STRAY ANIMALS HOME!! SEND IT AWAY!! GIT RID OF IT!!
BUT--

I CAN'T SEND IT AWAY!! IT IS ME OWN PERSONAL MONSKER AN' WE IS STUCK WIT' IT!!
IT WILL ONLY LEAVE IF WE FIND SOMEONE WHAT WANTS IT!!
PHOOEY!! WE WILL NEVER FIND ANYONE WHAT WANTS HIM!
SIX WEEKS LATER--
THIS IS ARFUL! WE HASN'T HAD COMPANY IN SIX WEEKS!! THE MINUTE ME FRIENDS SEE YER MONSKER, THEY RUNS AWAY!! THE PEACE AN' QUIET IS DRIVING ME NERTS!
I CAN'T EVEN GO TO SCHOOL... ME TEACHER SEZ SHE WON'T LET NO KID BRING PETS INTO THE CLASSROOM!
IN THIS GREAT BIG WORLD, THEY MUST BE SOMEONE WHO WANTS A MONSKER!?
?
?
BLOW ME DOWN!! I KNOWS WHO IT IS!
ARF! ARF!
?

MR. TUBE IS A TELEVISION MAN! HE DOES CHILDREN'S SHOWS AND I KNOWED HE'D WANT YER MONSKER!
GOSH, POPEYE... I BET YOU IS THE SMARTEST MAN IN A WORLD!!
BOO!

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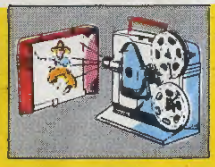

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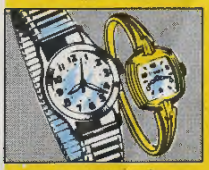

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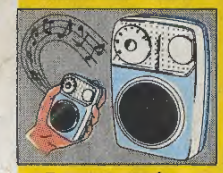

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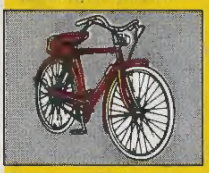

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